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1. FOLLOWING IS LISTING OF OFFICIAL USG CONTRIBUTIONS TO
UNESCO PRESERVATION CAMPAIGNS:

A. NUBIAN MONUMENTS (INCLUDING LAST PROJECT OF PHILAE).
INITIAL CONTRIBUTION BY STATE DEPT AND SUBSEQUENT BY
SMITHSONIAN IN US-OWNED EXCESS EGYPTIAN POUNDS. TOTAL CON-
TRIBUTION DOLS. 20 MILLION. ORIGINALLY CHanneled THROUGH
UNESCO; SINCE 1976 THROUGH AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER EGYPT.
TWO USG EXPERTS (ROBERT GARVEY, ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC
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PRESERVATION, AND GEORGE WHITE, ARCHITECT OF CAPITOL) ARE
MEMBERS OF NUBIAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES.

B. CARTHAGE. SMITHSONIAN GRANT IN EXCESS TUNISIAN DINARS
TO AMERICAN SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH OF ABOUT DOLS 250-
300,000. TWO NATIONAL PARK EXPERTS WERE DETAILED JANUARY
12-26, 1978, TO HELP IN PLANNING OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARKS.

C. MOENJODARO. SMITHSONIAN SEEKING OMB APPROVAL FOR SUB-MISSION FOR FY 1980 CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION CONTRIBUTE DOLS 4 MILLION IN EXCESS PAKISTANI RUPEES WHICH WOULD BE APPROPRIATED AND DONATED IN DOLS. 1 MILLION INSTALLMENTS OVER 4-YEAR PERIOD.(PROTECT INFO). SMITHSONIAN EXPERT (PAUL PERROT) IS ALSO MEMBER OF MOENJODARO CONSULTATIVE BOARD.

2. FOLLOWING IS LISTING OF PRIVATE U.S. ASSISTANCE TO UNESCO PROJECTS:

A. BOROBUDUR. U.S. COMMITTEE, NOW DISBANDED, CONTRIBUTED DOLS. 1.3 MILLION IN 1975 FROM U.S. SOURCES (PRIMARILY OIL COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS IN INDONESIA), CHANNELED THROUGH UNESCO. (NATIONAL PARK EXPERT (BROWN MORTON) IS A MEMBER OF BOROBUDUR CONSULTATIVE BOARD.)

B. VENICE. U.S.-BASED INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR MONUMENTS HAS CONTRIBUTED UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF FUNDS FROM AMERICAN SOURCES TOWARD PRESERVATION OF VENICE OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS. (CHAIRMAN OF ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IS A MEMBER OF UNESCO INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR VENICE, AND COUNCIL FACILITATED U.S. VISIT APRIL 1978 OF ITALIAN SANITARY ENGINEERS RELATED TO VENICE PRESERVATION.)

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3. REGARDING U.S. CONTRIBUTION FOR PAGAN, DEPT. AND AID FILES INDICATE THAT A CONTRIBUTION WAS CONSIDERED AT REQUEST OF THEN SENATOR MANSFIELD TO HELP RESTORE BUDDHIST TEMPLES DAMAGED BY 1975 EARTHQUAKE. HOWEVER, IT WAS FINALLY DECIDED FUNDS COULD NOT BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PRIVATE AMERICAN GROUP MIGHT HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTION, BUT DEPT./AID HAVE NO RECORD OF THIS.

4. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE ABOVE LISTINGS ARE EXTENT OF U.S. ASSISTANCE--GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE--TO UNESCO PRESERVATION CAMPAIGNS. CHRISTOPHER

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